

# Tebi language

**Tebi**, also known by the village name **Dubu**, is a Western Pauwasi language of West New Guinea. It is spoken in Affi, Dubu, and Jembatan Web villages of Keerom Regency. It is mostly used by older adults.

## Basic vocabulary

Below are some basic vocabulary words in Tebi.<sup>[3]</sup>

Tebi	
Dubu	
<b>Native to</b>	Indonesia
<b>Region</b>	New Guinea
<b>Native speakers</b>	220 (2005) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	<div>Pauwasi<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>West Pauwasi<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tebi–Towe<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Tebi</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></div>
Language codes	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	dmu
<b>Glottolog</b>	dubu1240 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/dubu1240">http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/dubu1240</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

## Tebi basic vocabulary

'I'	na
'you (sg)'	fro
'we'	numu
'belly'	dialə
'bird'	olmu
'black'	təŋərə
'blood'	təri
'breast'	mamu
'come'	kəlawai
'eat'	ne
'eye'	ei
'foot'	puŋwa
'give'	taʔa
'good'	pani
'hand'	təro
'head'	məndini
'hear'	fei
'house'	
'louse'	mi
'man'	toŋkwar
'mosquito'	mimi
'name'	kini
'road'	fiaʔa
'root'	peringu
'sand'	tədən
'tooth'	kle
'tree'	weyalgi
'water'	ai
'who'	mate
'one'	kərowali
'two'	kre

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